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The Anaconda Copper Company
New Mexico Operation
P. O. Box 638
Grants, New Mexico 87020

Dear Sir:

This correspondence serves to notify you of the need for an increase in the surety bond on The Anaconda Company's mining operations on the Pueblo of Laguna, State of New Mexico. This bond, based on the calculations and recommendations of the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS), Conservation Division, Albuquerque, New Mexico, previously at \$15,000, is hereby raised to a sum of \$10,000,000 to provide assurance for the proper reclamation of Laguna lands affected by mining operations of The Anaconda Company.

The right to increase this bond has been reserved to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) official in charge of the agency that has jurisdiction over the leased lands by the language in Section 171.6(c) of Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations and Article 9 of the BIA - Anaconda uranium mining lease agreement on Laguna lands. (Lease Nos. 1, 4 and 8; total acreage is 7,868.27)

We request that the new bond amount be instituted within forty-five days after the receipt of this correspondence. If you have other acceptable sureties, you may wish to apply them to your Laguna leases. If any difficulty is encountered in meeting this deadline, please contact the Area Realty Office at: 766-3510.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) KENNETH L. PATTON

DEPUTY Area Director

cc: Superintendent, Southern Pueblos Agency, Attp: Real Property Mgmt.

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